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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, September 28, show a continuation of the upward tendency noted last week, according to quotations cabled to the United States Department of Agriculture by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's fruit specialist in Europe. Supplies of American apples were relatively light this week except Virginia York Imperials and Grimes Golden which were in rather moderate supply. The general tone of the market during the past week indicates an improvement in the demand for these two varieties as well as for Virginia Jonathans, Ben Davis and Stayman Winesaps, states Mr. Smith.

Virginia York Imperials topped the market this week, the "Early Export" grade selling readily at from $6.57 to $7.79 per barrel compared with $6.33 to $6.81 per barrel last week, representing an advance of from 25 cents to 90 cents per barrel. Virginia King Davids ran a close second, however, selling quickly at from $6.45 to $7.79 as compared with $5.84 to $6.33 per barrel last week, representing an increase of from 60 cents to $1.45 per barrel over the previous week's quotations. Virginia Jonathans brought only $6.69 to $7.30 this week as against $7.30 to $8.52 last week. This decline was the result of the unsatisfactory condition of the fruit offered for sale. As previously stated, there is an improving demand for Virginia Jonathans in good condition.

A number of miscellaneous red varieties from New York State were offered on the auction during the past week but met with rather slow demand. Much of this fruit passed the hammer at from $5.35 to $6.57 per barrel. There was practically no demand for Virginia Yellow Newtowns although such fruit as was disposed of sold at higher prices. Supplies of barreled Newtowns were very light and the fruit was in poor condition. The demand was also very slow for Baldwins and Massachusetts Wealthys. Virginia Bonums continued in good demand, the "early export" grade in good condition selling readily at from $6.81 to $7.06 per barrel as against $5.60 to $6.57 per barrel last week. Although there was much overripe fruit in the offerings of Virginia Grimes, they sold quickly at from $5.96 to $6.08 per barrel as against $4.87 to $5.35 per barrel last week.

The market is steady on dessert apples of good color and bright appearance, states Mr. Smith. California Yellow Newtowns and Washington Winter Bananas and King David were in moderate supply and the demand in general was moderate. The Winter Bananas topped the market in the boxed varieties, selling at from $3.28 to $3.77 per box. Some quantities of Virginia Jonathans and Grimes in bushel baskets brought from $1.40 to $1.70 per basket.

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The British market is still glutted with home grown fruit but the demand is weakening, much of it bringing from 40 cents to $1.23 per bushel. Supplies of English plums are just about cleared up, states Mr. Smith. Supplies of American pears are heavy. Bartlett pears from New York State are arriving in a bad state of decay, appearing very unattractive.

Prices of American fruit on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday, September 21 and 28, 1927

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		Sept.21,1927	Sept.28,1927
		Per box	Per bbl
Apples:			
York Imperial, "Early Export"	Virginia	$6.33 - 6.81	$6.57 - 7.79
Inferior fruit " "	"	4.87 - 6.08	4.87 - 6.33a/
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	"	b/	7.30 - 8.27
Bonum, "Early Export"	"	5.60 - 6.57	6.81 - 7.06
Grimes Golden, "Early Export"	"	4.87 - 5.35	5.96 - 6.08
King David, " "	"	5.84 - 6.33	6.45 - 7.79
Stayman Winesap, " "	"	5.35 - 6.33	5.84 - 6.08
Yellow Newtown, " "	"	3.65 - 4.44a/	4.20 - 5.84c/
Ben Davis " "	"	4.87 - 5.60	6.20 - 6.33
Baldwin, " "	"	4.87 - 5.35	b/
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	"	b/	6.93
Jonathan, "Early Export"	"	7.30 - 8.52	6.69 - 7.30d/
Inferior fruit, " "	"	5.84 - 7.30	b/
Wealthy, U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	Massachusetts	b/	4.87 - 5.47
Yellow Newtown:		Per box	Per box
Fancy 163/175	California	b/	2.49 - 3.04
Winter Banana:			
Extra Fancy and Fancy, 163/175	Washington	b/	3.23 - 3.77
King David:			
Extra Fancy and Fancy, 163/175	"	b/	3.65
Pears:			
Hardy	California	4.87 - 5.60	4.38
Bartlett	Oregon	b/	3.16
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Bartlett	New York	4.62 - 7.91	4.87
		Per case	Per case
Prunes	Idaho	b/	1.46 - 1.82
Grapefruit	Jamaica	11.44	8.76 - 9.73
Grapefruit	Porto Rico	b/	8.76 - 9.73

a/ Badly scalded.
b/ None quoted in cable.
c/ Poor condition.
d/ Fair condition.

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